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HONEY MARKET FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2002  
IN VOLUMES OF 10,000 POUNDS OR GREATER UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED  
(REPORT INCLUDES BOTH OLD AND NEW CROP HONEY)

Prices paid to beekeepers for extracted, unprocessed honey in major producing states by packers, handlers & other large users, cents per pound, f.o.b. or delivered nearby, containers exchanged or returned, prompt delivery & payment unless otherwise stated.

- ARKANSAS - Floral Source not reported, light amber, 67¢
- CALIFORNIA
  - Alfalfa/Cotton, white, 63 - 65¢
  - Alfalfa/cotton/Orange, extra light amber, 73 - 74¢
  - Buckwheat/Cotton/Alfalfa, extra light amber, 68 - 69¢
  - Buckwheat/Cotton/Alfalfa, light amber, 67¢
  - Mixed Flowers, extra lt amber, 66-68¢ --- lt amber, 65-66¢
  - Orange, white, 75¢
  - Sage, white, 75¢
- FLORIDA
  - Gallberry, extra light amber, 70¢
  - Orange, white, 75¢ - - - extra light amber, 70¢
  - Saw Palmetto, extra light amber, 70¢
- GEORGIA
  - Gallberry, Cut Comb, \$1.30
- MICHIGAN
  - Floral Source not reported, extra light amber, 71¢
- MINNESOTA
  - Clover, white, 74 - 79¢
- MONTANA
  - Clover, white, 75 - 76¢
- NORTH DAKOTA
  - Clover, white, 75 - 79¢ - - - extra light amber, 70¢
  - Fireweed, white, 75¢
  - Wildflower, light amber, 67¢
- OREGON
  - Clover, white, 76¢
- SOUTH DAKOTA
  - Clover, white, 75 - 76¢
- UTAH
  - Clover/Alfalfa, white, 76¢
- WASHINGTON
  - Blackberry, white, 75¢
  - Onion Seed, white, 75¢
- WISCONSIN
  - Clover, white, 73¢
  - Wildflowers, amber, 73¢

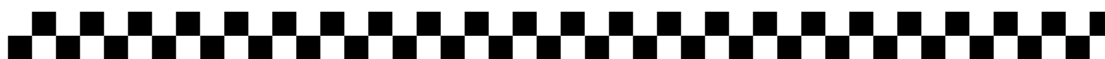
Prices paid to Canadian beekeepers for unprocessed bulk honey by packers & importers in U.S. currency, f.o.b. shipping point, containers included unless otherwise stated. Duty & crossing charges extra. Cents per pound.

Province & floral source not reported - white, 75¢

Province not reported, Clover, white, 80¢ (delivered to packer in N.E.)

Prices paid to importers for bulk honey, duty paid, containers included, cents per pound ex-dock or point of entry unless otherwise stated.

EAST COAST....	BRAZIL	- Floral Source not reported - white, 73¢
	CHILE	- Floral Source not reported - extra light amber, 73¢
	CHINA	- Mixed Flowers, extra light amber, 71¢
	INDIA	- Mixed Flowers, light amber, 71¢
	URUGUAY	- Floral Source not reported, white, 73¢
	VIETNAM	- Floral Source not reported, light amber, 65¢
WEST COAST....	CHINA	- Mixed Flowers, extra light amber, 68¢
	VIETNAM	- Mixed Flowers, light amber, 66¢



## COLONY, HONEY PLANT & MARKET CONDITIONS DURING FEBRUARY

### APPALACHIAN DISTRICT – (MD, PA, VA, WV) \* \* \*

February for the most part had unusually warm temperatures mixed with cool or colder days. The area has experienced these roller coaster temperatures rides for most of the winter. There was very little precipitation either in snow or rain form for the month. Most areas are extremely dry. Water tables are their lowest in over twenty years. The warm weather (temp's in the 60's) have brought the bloom of early season plants on earlier than normal. This would include witch hazel, forsythia, quince, snowdrops, and crocus. Fruit trees buds are still tight and in good condition the nighttime lows are keeping them in their dormant state. Several beekeepers noticed bee activity on warmer days with mostly cleansing flight and even an occasional nectar gathering. Although it's early most beekeepers expect colonies to come through this winter in fairly good shape. A few beekeepers have already seen a light amount of sporadic colony loss, which at this time is attributed to several environmental factors.

### CALIFORNIA \* \* \*

Cool temperatures lingered in Southern California bringing the 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive day of daily-record lows through the 5<sup>th</sup> of February. By the 8<sup>th</sup>, a change in wind patterns brought record warmth to the coast. In Oceanside, a daily-record highs of 80 and 84 degrees were recorded on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> following a daily-record low of 36 degrees on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Further inland, temperatures continued to range 7-14 degrees below normal. On the 10<sup>th</sup>, a fast moving brushfire burned more than 1,000 acres near San Diego. Driven by the Santa Ana winds that reached gusts of 80-100 mph, homes were destroyed in areas that had not burned in fifty years. The warm, dry conditions continued in Southern California including records in locations such as Los Angeles which recorded 88 degrees on the 21<sup>st</sup>, 90 degrees on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 87 degrees on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Bees continued to be moved into the almonds as they were beginning to bloom the end of February. There are apparently no shortages of bees to pollinate the almonds this year. The weather was ideal for pollination but dusty, windy conditions sometimes hampered their work. Some eucalyptus was blooming along the coast and some fruit trees were also beginning to bloom earlier than normal. Conditions allowed the bees to frequently leave their hives but there were few food sources available and so some beekeepers were forced to feed their

**CALIFORNIA continued**

colonies. Many areas of the state have received only 50% of their normal winter precipitation which could severely diminish the sage and buckwheat crops.

Sales of honey products ranged from very good to slow. For now, most packers are able to purchase enough honey to fill their orders but if the hot, dry weather continues to dry up the honey plants, there could be shortages later in the season.

Sales of beekeeping supplies were a little slow during February & most wax was traded for supplies.

**COLORADO \* \* \***

Weather during the month has been mixed as arctic fronts approached the state for extended periods twice during the month and some record setting temperatures as well. Record high temperatures of 70 degrees were recorded on 23rd for Denver, while Greeley had a high of 72 on that same date. The last week of the month has seen temperatures dip to as low as -6 degrees for many areas of northeast Colorado. Most beekeepers have provided additional feed for colonies left instate because of the fluctuations in the weather patterns. Migratory colonies are reported to be in fairly good condition. Some migratory beekeepers report that colonies working in south Texas have been slowed by the cold temperatures that hit that area recently.

**GEORGIA \* \* \***

Colonies around the State were in fair condition. Wild temperature swings has taken its toll on the hives. There has been some loss due to starvation, in addition to losses from Tracheal Mites, as it is difficult for the bees to fly in cold temperatures. The below freezing temperatures have also taken its toll on the early pollen sources. Apiarists are feeding the hives to make up for the lack of flight time and pollen collection. There is limited nectar available from the Red Maple as well as the Spring Titi.

**IDAHO \* \* \***

All migratory hives are in California. The weather there has been providing excellent flying conditions. Almond trees continued to bud, and in some areas have begun to blossom. Some older trees were being removed.

**ILLINOIS \* \* \***

The weather for the month of February was favorable for the bees. Winter kill has been estimated in the 10 percent range which is considered light. Northern sections were hit by several windy days restricting cleansing flights. On February 9<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, temperatures of 60-61 in the Southern Section gave given honeybees cleansing flights.

There were no floral sources for honeybees to work during the month.

Honey sales and the movement of wax were reported slow.

**INDIANA \* \* \***

The main activities of beekeepers was attending local meetings held throughout the state. Honeybees had no floral sources for honeybees to be working. Beekeepers have been pleased by the favorable temperatures and rainfall throughout the state. Some beekeepers treated their hives early this year due to problems from under treating last season. Early estimated losses from Varroa Mites have been reported low due to treating early. Bulk honey movement was slow and retail sales were about normal for the month.

**MISSISSIPPI \* \* \***

In the northern portion of the State, areas that have poor nectar flow due to cold temperatures aren't in very good condition. The cold temperatures adversely affect flight time, which in turn affects the feeding of the hives. The queens didn't lay in these areas which lowers the population of the hives. Queen rearing operations have been effected so the queens for spring will be delayed. The main sources of nectar are Spring Titi, Red Maple, and various wild plants. In the southern portion of the State, the hives are fairing better. The bees are brooding up well and apiarists don't have to feed the hives as much as their northern counterparts do. More hives than usual were lost this year so new hives will have to be built. Tracheal Mites helped with the losses so they have been treated for and are expected to be under control. Red Maples are just about done blooming, however, Spring Titi's have started to bloom and nectar excesses are expected.

**MISSOURI & IOWA \* \* \***

Weather during February has been mild. Most of February has produced above normal temperatures on the exception of this last week of February. This last week of February has produced about 3-4 inches of snow with more expected going into early March. The bees have been good so far this year. There is some concern with the bees. The queen has stop laying because of signals of warm weather. If there continue to be a cold snap the bees will go into a cluster. If they go into the cluster with the weather we will loose some bees. The bee- keepers don't want the bees to lay early. If the weather don't stay nice it will cause a greater bee lost. This winter so far has been a good winter for bees except for a few cold days with snowfall.

**MONTANA \* \* \***

Parts of North-Central Montana started the month with daily-record highs when they recorded temperatures in the upper 50's on the 10<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>. High winds were also noted across the northern High Plains. A week later Glasgow, in the northeast region, fell from 66 degrees on the 22<sup>nd</sup> (their earliest high above 65 degrees on record) to a low of minus 5 on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Over an inch of snow accompanied the temperature drop. Havre also noted a temperature drop from 64 degrees on the 22<sup>nd</sup> to minus 12 on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Great Falls received 5.6" of snow during the same week. The cold temperatures continued through the end of the month in some areas such as Western Yellowstone which dropped to minus 39 degrees on the 12<sup>th</sup>. While the snow was welcome, many areas of the state, especially the northeast region, have received less than 50% of their normal precipitation.

Migratory beekeepers continued to monitor their colonies as they are pollinating the almonds in California. Seasonal beekeepers were busy getting their boxes ready for new packages.

**NORTH CAROLINA \* \* \***

Generally the condition of the hives are in good shape state wide compared to the same time last year. Some parts of the northwestern Piedmont area have experienced some hive damage. State Apiary officials are strongly suggesting that beekeepers check their hives for mite problems. Temperatures for February have been warmer than normal, however, a drastic drop in temperature was experienced the last week of this month. This is the time of year that bees begin consuming more food and it can be depleted very rapidly. Beekeepers are encouraged to continue to monitor and feed as necessary.

**OREGON \* \* \***

Cool temperatures continued through the middle of February with some areas dipping below zero. Record temperatures were recorded in Eugene when they reached 68 and 67 degrees on February 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. On the 23<sup>rd</sup>, a storm system caused heavy precipitation and close to 2" of rain to some locations. The storm also

**OREGON continued...**

brought high winds to the central coast with gusts up to 70 mph while the Willamette Valley also had gusts of 60 mph which knocked out power to thousands of homes. Snow also fell in Salem.

The bees in California for the almond pollination are reported to be in good condition even though cluster sizes were a little down. The bees were able to leave their hives on most days and were bringing in significant amounts of pollen. The length of the almond bloom ended up about normal but most varieties are blooming all at once.

**UTAH \* \* \***

Honey supplies are light on slow trading activity causing prices to remain about steady. Most hives are in California. The weather in California has been providing excellent flying & pollinating conditions. Almond trees continues to bud, and in some areas have begun to blossom. Some older trees were being removed.

**WASHINGTON \* \* \***

February was a month of variable weather conditions. Most of the state was mild with below normal precipitation with the exception of occasional snow in the Cascade Mountains the first of the month and heavy rainfall in parts of Eastern Washington. Walla Walla set a record on the 23<sup>rd</sup> when they received 1.61" in 24 hours. After four consecutive months of above-normal precipitation, February was only 63% of average. Even with the dry month, the season remains above average and twice as better off than the same time last year. Precipitation since October 1<sup>st</sup> at the five reservoirs that serve the 460,000-acre Yakima Irrigation Project is 109% of average. Last year at this time, precipitation was just 49% of average.

Mild temperatures in Western Washington during the month allowed for cleansing flights. Many spring ornamental trees, nuts and flowers provided good amounts of nectar and pollen.

Migratory beekeepers remained in California the first part of February. The bees are reported to be stronger this year than last but dry conditions in California made it necessary for some supplemental feed to be added to some colonies. The almond bloom came on all at once but pretty much on schedule. The weather allowed the bees to work on pollination almost every day. Since all varieties bloomed at the same time this year, they should be released the first week to ten days of March. This will barely give beekeepers enough time to get them into local apricot orchards.

**WISCONSIN \* \* \***

The temperatures for the month February were warmer than normal over most of the state. Some areas reported snowfall has been below normal. Most of the states bees have been overwintering well with beekeepers busy adding supplemental feed. The overwintering kill has been estimated much lower than last season's forty percent due to favorable weather. Retail sales were reported well.

**U. S. EXPORTS OF HONEY BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION, QUANTITY & VALUE**

	<u>DECEMBER 2001</u>		<u>YEAR TO DATE 2001</u>	
	QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE
	Kilograms	Dollars	Kilograms	Dollars
<i>HONEY, NATURAL, PACKAGED FOR RETAIL SALE</i>	<i>----- DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE</i>			
Mexico	3,762	4,934	33,249	48,192
Panama	---	---	1,640	4,294
Bermuda	1,344	4,009	2,617	7,652

**EXPORTS continued...**

Barbados	---	---	4,310	7,298
Northern Antilles	2,169	6,343	2,994	9,229
Aruba	---	---	653	3,237
United Kingdom	---	---	51,656	128,408
Netherlands	2,423	6,720	4,711	9,721
Belgium	---	---	4,527	12,121
France	---	---	11,323	30,926
Israel	---	---	3,262	4,278
Jordan	10,858	14,242	23,481	50,122
Kuwait	18,260	44,865	141,746	379,374
Saudi Arabia	58,713	120,810	389,560	765,290
Qatar	17,758	29,840	19,622	34,914
Arab Emirates	---	---	108,793	314,942
Yemen	21,671	46,700	411,135	980,311
Bahrain	---	---	4,277	15,685
Pakistan	---	---	14,200	43,318
Malaysia	---	---	14,617	19,172
Singapore	---	---	19,254	47,673
Philippines	---	---	169,430	44,151
Korean Rep.	---	---	162,930	224,713
Hong Kong	---	---	10,550	20,949
Taiwan	---	---	3,080	4,115
Japan	---	---	167,385	334,451
Australia	---	---	9,366	12,285
Kenya	---	---	3,938	3,581
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>136,958</b>	<b>278,463</b>	<b>1,654,090</b>	<b>3,560,402</b>

<b>HONEY, NATURAL, NOT ELSEWHERE INDICATED OR SPECIFIED ----- DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE</b>				
Canada	17,878	31,868	290,772	552,852
Mexico	---	---	81,839	141,176
Costa Rica	---	---	5,022	8,910
Dom. Republic	---	---	37,418	59,570
Guadalupe	---	---	9,054	22,642
Venezuela	---	---	1,343	3,900
Sweden	---	---	77,750	123,760
United Kingdom	---	---	34,120	80,398
Netherlands	---	---	522	4,035
Belgium	8,974	19,748	28,454	54,521
Germany	---	---	127,346	172,189
Israel	---	---	460,840	515,138
Saudi Arabia	---	---	51,293	74,550
Arab Emirates	19,731	32,700	19,731	32,700
Yemen	---	---	113,230	160,835
Singapore	---	---	12,312	29,671
Indonesia	---	---	32,772	77,966
Philippines	---	---	75,726	188,900
China	---	---	4,561	13,220
Korean Rep.	---	---	22,940	54,860
Hong Kong	---	---	306	2,843
Japan	50,554	66,312	199,882	323,260
New Zealand	---	---	2,700	10,861
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>77,406</b>	<b>117,928</b>	<b>1,689,883</b>	<b>2,708,757</b>

## EXPORTS continued...

<i>HONEY, NATURAL, NOT ELSEWHERE INDICATED OR SPECIFIED</i> -----			<i>FOREIGN MERCHANDISE</i>	
Canada	3,484	8,687	40,826	92,470
Mexico	---	---	1,161	2,700
Denmark	---	---	2,669	3,500
Saudi Arabia	---	---	370	2,516
Japan	---	---	19,800	17,820
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,484</b>	<b>8,687</b>	<b>64,826</b>	<b>119,006</b>

## U. S. IMPORTS OF HONEY BY COUNTRY, QUANTITY AND VALUE

COUNTRY	DECEMBER 2001			YEAR TO DATE 2001		
	QUANTITY kilograms	CUSTOMS VALUE dollars	C.I.F. VALUE dollars	QUANTITY kilograms	CUSTOMS VALUE dollars	C.I.F. VALUE dollars
<i>NATURAL HONEY, NOT PACKAGED FOR RETAIL SALE - - - WHITE</i>						
Canada	1,025,604	1,640,597	1,653,281	8,080,960	11,711,895	11,852,993
Mexico	37,750	38,703	40,403	734,247	856,572	891,113
Chile	---	---	---	469,815	499,476	536,006
Brazil	19,200	24,870	26,359	19,200	24,870	26,359
Uruguay	---	---	---	272,841	251,641	278,880
Argentina	20,420	18,889	20,999	14,596,369	13,450,904	14,518,334
Denmark	---	---	---	6,304	16,488	17,606
United Kingdom	1,178	3,424	3,552	1,534	7,329	9,232
Germany	---	---	---	80,200	198,299	204,124
Czechoslovakia	---	---	---	38,400	48,608	50,112
Slovakia	---	---	---	18,300	26,355	28,293
Hungary	---	---	---	446,223	580,171	619,096
Poland	---	---	---	960	3,527	3,752
Turkey	---	---	---	57,000	69,495	75,616
Thailand	---	---	---	433,840	422,311	470,072
Vietnam	19,140	18,143	20,867	438,980	369,886	425,993
China, Mainland	157,760	162,846	176,846	2,703,090	2,406,910	2,644,341
Australia	---	---	---	97,780	122,038	128,793
New Zealand	---	---	---	1,103	3,400	3,586
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,281,052</b>	<b>1,907,472</b>	<b>1,942,307</b>	<b>28,497,146</b>	<b>31,070,175</b>	<b>32,784,302</b>

*NATURAL HONEY, NOT PACKAGED FOR RETAIL SALE - - - EXTRA LIGHT AMBER*

Canada	119,745	184,946	186,277	324,474	492,704	496,502
Mexico	---	---	---	11,792	12,708	328,424
Chile	---	---	---	51,890	155,931	168,530
Uruguay	---	---	---	490,223	503,100	525,067
Argentina	---	---	---	3,939,495	3,767,449	3,966,496
Germany	---	---	---	54,000	76,140	78,369
Thailand	414,120	505,480	544,881	650,780	753,724	815,432
Vietnam	---	---	---	564,800	499,836	551,597
China	236,640	248,826	265,484	4,020,751	3,631,242	3,930,434
Australia	---	---	---	78,880	83,686	91,017
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>770,505</b>	<b>930,452</b>	<b>996,390</b>	<b>10,723,705</b>	<b>10,516,546</b>	<b>11,217,350</b>

**IMPORTS continued****NATURAL HONEY, NOT PACKAGED FOR RETAIL SALE - - - LIGHT AMBER**

Canada	4,100	8,539	8,604	114,642	170,689	172,446
Mexico	168,964	189,111	197,830	2,350,758	2,657,860	2,805,788
Nicaragua	---	---	---	14,185	22,816	26,143
Chile	94,273	130,591	135,234	244,542	282,355	295,149
Brazil	---	---	---	125,911	149,575	159,087
Uruguay	38,656	53,732	53,902	1,572,441*	1,609,915	1,698,114
Argentina	---	---	---	1,224,410	1,056,704	1,132,324
France	510	2,376	2,556	3,326	20,039	24,469
Germany	9,270	19,446	19,946	73,693	129,593	140,719
Czechoslovakia	---	---	---	1,488	2,536	2,549
Hungary	---	---	---	124,340	168,970	177,079
Switzerland	---	---	---	783	5,500	5,703
Poland	---	---	---	807	2,059	2,069
Spain	19,280	24,264	25,827	57,310	74,460	79,149
Italy	---	---	---	2,608	7,541	7,991
Greece	---	---	---	2,512	15,984	16,947
Romania	18,760	21,157	23,249	37,520	42,314	46,498
Turkey	---	---	---	6,400	16,000	17,260
Thailand	118,320	141,416	150,266	138,040	163,108	173,158
Vietnam	183,600	148,716	171,626	4,510,477	3,823,158	4,341,661
Philippines	---	---	---	568	3,350	3,531
China	---	---	---	12,059,745	8,546,313	9,539,022
Hong Kong	---	---	---	1,092	3,214	3,406
Taiwan	---	---	---	1,727	5,370	5,557
New Zealand	---	---	---	7,053	54,083	54,942
Australia	78,880	96,233	96,234	158,440	193,572	202,682
Zambia	---	---	---	28,320	23,479	26,479

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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>734,613</b>	<b>835,581</b>	<b>885,274</b>	<b>20,863,138</b>	<b>19,246,557</b>	<b>21,159,922</b>
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**NATURAL HONEY, NOT PACKAGED FOR RETAIL SALE – NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED OR INDICATED**

Canada	31,519	46,113	46,309	216,967	270,925	272,420
Mexico	58,859	77,759	81,771	899,463	1,106,925	1,156,884
Dom. Republic	---	---	---	174,343	229,965	244,172
Columbia	---	---	---	972	7,305	8,605
Chile	---	---	---	55,054	56,280	60,560
Brazil	---	---	---	364	2,009	2,379
Uruguay	---	---	---	126,193	209,659	222,665
Argentina	---	---	---	691,239	669,182	724,864
United Kingdom	336	3,684	3,985	336	3,684	3,985
France	---	---	---	2,400	11,070	11,970
Austria	2,189	11,589	12,599	13,956	71,414	76,780
Switzerland	391	2,753	2,868	15,927	108,052	112,705
Poland	---	---	---	2,304	11,160	11,246
Italy	---	---	---	4,961	12,671	13,072
Greece	524	4,191	5,442	524	4,191	5,442
Turkey	---	---	---	800	3,627	3,854
India	---	---	---	20,000	26,520	27,700

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**IMPORTS continued**

Thailand	78,880	92,112	97,852	78,880	92,112	97,852
Vietnam	---	---	---	178,660	150,557	171,772
China	---	---	---	683,162	598,834	663,761
Hong Kong	---	---	---	1,360	4,112	4,369
Taiwan	---	---	---	6,404	30,916	32,315
Australia	---	---	---	65,588	135,974	142,792
New Zealand	---	---	---	900	6,454	6,654
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>172,698</b>	<b>238,201</b>	<b>250,826</b>	<b>3,240,757</b>	<b>3,823,598</b>	<b>4,078,868</b>

\*CORRECTION. . . Last month's cumulative total should have read 1,533,785

**Honey Prices Up 12%**

Prices for the 2001 crop averaged 66.9 cents per pound, up 12% from 59.7 cents in 2000. Prices are based on retail sales by producers & sales to private processors & cooperatives. State level honey prices reflect the portions of honey sold through retail, co-op & private channels. U.S. honey prices for each color class are derived by weighing quantities sold for each marketing channel at the U.S. level. Honey prices for 2001 were higher than the previous year for all marketing channels and all color classes except 'All Other Honey, Area Specialties'.

**Honey: Price by Color Class, United States, 2000-01**

Color Class	:	Price										
	:											
	:	Co-op and Private		:	Retail		:	All				
	:	2000	:	2001	:	2000	:	2001	:	2000	:	2001
	:	Cents per Pound										
Water White,	:											
Extra White, White	:	56.3		65.0		114.5		125.4		58.2		66.5
	:											
Extra Light Amber	:	56.0		64.0		121.7		130.7		60.7		66.9
	:											
Light Amber,	:											
Amber, Dark Amber	:	49.8		59.8		141.9		152.2		60.1		66.6
	:											
All Other Honey,	:											
Area Specialties	:	63.2		59.8		175.2		152.5		92.9		78.7
	:											
All Honey	:	55.1		63.3		130.4		140.6		59.7		66.9

**UNITED STATES HONEY PRODUCTION DOWN 16%**

Honey production in 2001 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 186 million pounds, down 16% from 2000. Honey production in 2001 was the lowest since 1989, when 181 million pounds was produced with a yield per colony of only 51.2 pounds. There were 2.51 million colonies producing honey in 2001, down 4% from 2000. Yield per colony averaged 74.0 pounds, down 10.1 pounds from the 84.1 pounds in 2000. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State and yields per colony may therefore be understated. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 64.8 million pounds on December 15, 2001, down 24% from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.

## Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price &amp; Value by State &amp; United States, 2000 1/

State	: Honey : Producing : Colonies	: Yield : per : Colony	: : Production: :	: : Stocks : Dec. 15 2/	: Average : Price per : Pound 3/	: Value : of : Production
	: 1,000	Pounds	--1,000 Pounds--		Cents	1,000 Dollars
AL	: 16	78	1,248	187	59	736
AZ	: 40	59	2,360	1,322	73	1,723
AR	: 55	93	5,115	3,529	57	2,916
CA	: 440	70	30,800	11,396	59	18,172
CO	: 29	60	1,740	957	62	1,079
FL	: 232	105	24,360	2,923	54	13,154
GA	: 55	57	3,135	376	63	1,975
HI	: 7	112	784	125	82	643
ID	: 100	47	4,700	2,679	52	2,444
IL	: 8	61	488	146	117	571
IN	: 8	65	520	286	103	536
IA	: 30	67	2,010	1,206	68	1,367
KS	: 15	68	1,020	520	91	928
KY	: 3	48	144	40	135	194
LA	: 43	94	4,042	1,334	52	2,102
ME	: 11	21	231	143	75	173
MD	: 6	46	276	52	114	315
MI	: 72	75	5,400	2,970	60	3,240
MN	: 150	90	13,500	3,105	57	7,695
MS	: 17	72	1,224	649	69	845
MO	: 23	75	1,725	362	60	1,035
MT	: 124	88	10,912	4,692	59	6,438
NE	: 50	87	4,350	2,610	59	2,567
NV	: 10	35	350	95	145	508
NJ	: 11	35	385	200	61	235
NM	: 15	64	960	739	72	691
NY	: 58	80	4,640	2,274	55	2,552
NC	: 11	49	539	243	143	771
ND	: 300	115	34,500	13,800	57	19,665
OH	: 18	65	1,170	585	79	924
OK	: 7	35	245	64	126	309
OR	: 48	51	2,448	1,665	66	1,616
PA	: 22	45	990	554	76	752
SD	: 235	121	28,435	12,796	58	16,492
TN	: 9	61	549	104	143	785
TX	: 105	79	8,295	2,986	57	4,728
UT	: 24	41	984	462	60	590
VT	: 7	59	413	211	68	281
VA	: 7	42	294	103	150	441
WA	: 52	54	2,808	1,151	58	1,629
WV	: 7	54	378	234	122	461
WI	: 84	90	7,560	4,385	68	5,141
WY	: 39	93	3,627	798	59	2,140
Oth States 4/ 5/	: 17	40	685	270	173	1,183
<b>U. S. TOTAL 5/</b>	<b>: 2,620</b>	<b>84.1</b>	<b>220,339</b>	<b>85,328</b>	<b>59.7</b>	<b>132,742</b>

## Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price &amp; Value by State &amp; United States, 2001 1/

State	: Honey : Producing : Colonies	: Yield : per : Colony	: : Production: :	: : Stocks : Dec. 15 2/	: Average : Price per : Pound 3/	: Value : of : Production
	: 1,000	Pounds	--1,000	Pounds--	Cents	1,000 Dollars
AL	: 14	73	1,022	235	71	726
AZ	: 43	59	2,537	1,142	78	1,979
AR	: 58	98	5,655	1,872	66	3,732
CA	: 425	65	27,625	7,735	67	18,509
CO	: 26	55	1,430	529	70	1,001
FL	: 220	100	22,000	3,432	62	13,640
GA	: 55	57	3,135	188	70	2,195
HI	: 8	87	696	84	85	592
ID	: 100	46	4,600	1,610	66	3,036
IL	: 6	76	456	251	172	784
IN	: 8	76	608	213	86	523
IA	: 33	51	1,683	875	73	1,229
KS	: 13	51	663	530	85	564
KY	: 3	78	234	94	131	307
LA	: 45	106	4,770	572	60	2,862
ME	: 11	20	220	106	70	154
MD	: 4	46	184	55	172	316
MI	: 76	60	4,560	2,827	78	3,557
MN	: 135	81	10,935	1,859	63	6,889
MS	: 17	66	1,122	224	60	673
MO	: 25	61	1,525	381	68	1,037
MT	: 136	102	13,872	4,578	65	9,017
NE	: 43	48	2,064	1,115	66	1,362
NV	: 11	50	550	44	201	1,106
NJ	: 11	34	374	71	82	307
NM	: 15	70	1,050	525	65	683
NY	: 53	70	3,710	1,781	68	2,523
NC	: 11	44	484	145	158	765
ND	: 280	96	26,880	9,408	65	17,472
OH	: 16	81	1,296	505	85	1,102
OK	: 4	47	188	105	141	265
OR	: 44	44	1,936	1,200	69	1,336
PA	: 17	57	969	514	87	843
SD	: 235	65	15,275	12,220	64	9,776
TN	: 9	59	531	147	137	727
TX	: 97	79	7,663	1,533	64	4,904
UT	: 23	38	874	315	65	568
VT	: 7	81	567	249	91	516
VA	: 9	52	468	94	117	548
WA	: 42	52	2,184	917	67	1,463
WV	: 7	65	455	410	155	705
WI	: 67	81	5,427	3,419	76	4,125
WY	: 38	77	2,926	468	63	1,843
Oth States 4/ 5/	: 13	40	523	173	153	799
<b>U. S. TOTAL 5/</b>	<b>: 2,513</b>	<b>74.0</b>	<b>185,926</b>	<b>64,750</b>	<b>66.9</b>	<b>127,060</b>

1/ For producers with 5 or more colonies. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State.

2/ Stocks held by producers.

3/ Prices weighted by sales. 4/ CT, DE, MA, NH, RI & SC not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations

5/ Total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production.

